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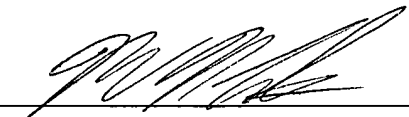
Applicant respectfully submits that the above clean version of the amended claims complies with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests expedited examination of the amended claims based on the Response filed June 5, 2003 and the clean copy of claims filed herewith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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